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SUBJ: SPECIAL FUNDING TO MEET SMALL SCALE EMERGENCY NEEDS

1. REQUEST \$26,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FOLLOWING
SHORT TERM DROUGHT RELIEF PROJECTS.

(A) \$21,000 FOR 3 MASSEY FERGUSON RICE STRAW
BAILING MACHINES: GOM OFFICIALS ESTIMATE ONE MILLION TONS
RICE STRAW, WHICH IS EXCELLENT CATTLE FODDER, IS
PRODUCED EACH YEAR IN MALI. VALUE, ACCORDING TO GOM IS
THREE BILLION MF; HOWEVER MOST STRAW TRADITIONALLY
BURNED SINCE LITTLE LIVESTOCK ACTIVITY IN IMMEDIATE
RICE GROWING AREAS. BAILED RICE STRAW COULD EASILY BE
STORED AND LATER TRANSPORTED TO AREAS OF CRITICAL NEED
(E.G. INTERIOR NIGER DELTA) DURING COMING DRY SEASON.
FUNDING WOULD PURCHASE ONE RICE BAILER FOR EACH RICE
GROWING REGION (MOPTI, SIKASSO, SEGOU) PER GOM REQUEST.
IF ORDERED NOW, MACHINES COULD REACH MALI IN TIME FOR
DECEMBER RICE HARVEST, AND WOULD BE OPERATED AS JOINT
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PEACE CORPS-GOM PROJECT.

(B) \$50089 FOR MILK/SOLID FOODS: WHITE FATHERS
RELIGIOUS ORDER REQUEST FUNDS BUY MILK AND SOLID FOODS
FOR FIVE OF THEIR MATERNITY/DISPENSARY UNITS. GOM
UNWILLING TO PROVIDE MILK AND FOOD FROM OWN STOCKS
BECAUSE MATERNITIES/DISPENSARIES ARE THEORETICALLY
PRIVATE. HOWEVER, THESE DISPENSARIES ARE DE FACTO PART
OF GOM RURAL HEALTH NETWORK AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE
MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR OVER 2,400 FAMILIES. SUPPLIES
TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO WOMEN GIVING BIRTH, AND DROUGHT
VICTIMS COMING TO DISPENSARIES FOR TREATMENT. KUNIHOLM

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